

Back Bay Amateur Astronomers Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2015

Called to order at 7:35 PM, in the planetarium at TCC in Virginia Beach, by president Jim Tallman.

Members & Guests in Attendance:

Joseph Barrios, Tim Barrios, Ken Broun, Tom Flatley, Bill Holmes, Chuck Jagow, Karen Jagow, Chris Jarvis, George Jarvis, Tom Jarvis, Jeff Klein, Leigh Anne Lagoe, Shawn Loescher, Matt McLaughlin, Bill McLean, Nancy Meakin, Tom Pearson, Joey Quinn, George Reynolds, Melvin Spruill, Kevin Swann, Leon VanDyke, and Owen VanDyke.

Opening Remarks:

Long-time member and friend, Georgie June, passed away after a long battle with cancer last week. Services to be held on Saturday.

REPORTS:

A motion was made to waive the reading of the previous month's minutes. Motion seconded. All in favor.

Treasurer's Report (as reported by Jim Tallman): \$2485.35 in the General Fund. \$2040.67 in the Scholarship Fund. Total: \$4526.02

All members currently in good standing.

Vice President's Outreach Report (George Reynolds):

Calendar:

4/3 - VPAS at the GAP

4/11 - Hobby Day at the TCC Joint-use Library 11am-4pm (Volunteers Needed!)

4/11 - Skywatch at NWRP in Chesapeake

4/17 - VPAS at the GAP

4/18 - Nightwatch at Chippokes Plantation

4/23 - St. Gregory's Catholic School 8th grade class presentation 11am-12:30pm

4/24 - Garden Stars at Norfolk Botanical Gardens

4/25 - National Astronomy Day at VB Central Library 9am-5pm

5/7 - BBAA Monthly Meeting

Astronomical League Report (Bill McLean):

Encouraged involvement in the AL observing programs. Tom Flatley earned the Binocular Messier Program award. The AL has eclipse glasses for sale

Scholarship Report (by Matt McLaughlin):

Deadline for students is 5/1/15.

Old Business:

Last month's meeting canceled due to snow.

Jim Tallman will assemble a committee to start bylaws revision.

New Business:

The BBAA would like to rename the Scholarship in the name of Georgie June.

Mt. Trashmore Star Party scheduled for 5/30.

First Boardwalk Astronomy is 5/26.

Annual Picnic scheduled for 7/25.(revision made post-meeting: Redwing Park changed the date to 7/18)

A motion was made to start a Twitter account for BBAA. Motion was seconded. All in favor.

Raffle Winners:

Ken Broun - calendar

Joey Quinn - red and white flashlight

Guest Speaker: Tiffany Savona, Meteorologist with Wavy 10 News

Tiffany Savona discussed how meteorologists collect information, using satellites, weather stations, balloons, and radar, to create their own forecasts.

Meeting adjourned at 8:58PM.